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Ralph and Kerry,

If you could coordinate responses from Steve (and/or contractors) on Questions 1-4,, that would be appreciated. Please note that the deadline is tomorrow COB. If we don't have the information on Q1, please don't research it. Let me know and I will inform others to do the research. Thank you, lw

**From:** StClair, Christie  
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All - Thanks in advance for your help answering these questions.

Reporter: Caitlin McGlade

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Inquiry:

1. What are the water elevation levels behind bulkheads 2 and 3 in the American Tunnel?  
What documents exist to show this data?
2. What stage is the EPA in the installation of bulkheads at Red and Bonita and at the Gold King Mine?
3. What effect would those two bulkheads have on the existing ones in the network of mines in the area?

4. Would it raise water levels inside the mountain behind the bulkheads 2 and 3 in the American Tunnel? If so, to what level?
5. John Reynolds, a consultant for the mining industry based in Durango, delivered a letter to the EPA staff in Colorado last week about a possible consortium of mine operators, proposing a remediation plan. Is this something the EPA would consider? To what extent is the EPA communicating with this group?

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